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March 20, 2003

State of Alaska Local Boundary Commission
550 West Seventh Ave., Suite 1770
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed is a copy of the City of Petersburg's resolution # 1710. The resolution opposes the Local Boundary Commission's recommended model borough boundary area for Petersburg-Wrangell.

Sincerely,

Kathy O'Rear
City Clerk



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RESOLUTION NO. 1710

Offered by: Tremblay

Supported by: Sarff

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF ALASKA, LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDED MODEL BOROUGH BOUNDARY AREA FOR PETERSBURG-WRANGELL

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, Local Boundary Commission has recommended a model borough boundary area for Petersburg-Wrangell, and

WHEREAS, the City of Petersburg has recently completed an Analysis of Borough Options and the analysis indicates there is no fiscal advantage for Petersburg to form a borough, and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Petersburg currently pay 6% sales tax and 10.17 mills for real property tax. A major portion of these funds are used to support Petersburg Schools. In FY 2002/2003 the City will contribute \$1,975,076. to school operations. This is \$627.81 annually for every man, woman and child in our community and is the maximum allowed by the Department of Education. The minimum local effort required is \$1,005,246, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution provides for minimum local government units and prevention of multiple tax levying jurisdictions. An additional layer of government imposed by a Petersburg-Wrangell Borough would add additional burdens to residents without adding additional or improved benefits.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Petersburg City Council strongly opposes the recommendation that the model Petersburg-Wrangell Borough be formed

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution does not affect the City of Petersburg's options to petition for different borough boundaries in the future.

Passed and approved by the Petersburg City Council on March 17, 2003.

CITY OF PETERSBURG, ALASKA

Paul Anderson, Mayor Protem

ATTEST:

Kathy O'Rear, City Clerk

True and Exact Copy

Kathy O'Rear, City Clerk